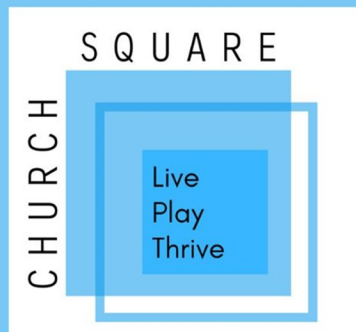




First Church NEWS

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

JULY 2026



Small Group COTTAGE MEETINGS

A Note from the Pastor

Church Square is looking into redevelopment to strengthen our ministry by reimagining underutilized property, creating new opportunities for community engagement, and partnering with our neighboring congregations to serve the Falls for generations to come.

Over the past six months, our Church Square development team and a group of laity from all three churches have been working with Desmone Architects to imagine new possibilities for the future of our block. **I am excited to invite you to a series of cottage meetings this summer to view the latest concept illustrations for the Church Square redevelopment project and ask questions about the project that you may have.**

These gatherings are designed to be informal opportunities for conversation so we are organizing them in smaller group settings. If you attend one of these meetings, you will have the chance to see preliminary drawings, hear about the status and goals of the project, and ask questions directly of your pastors. While no final decisions are being made currently, these meetings will help us share information, listen to concerns, and gather feedback as the process moves forward.

Whether you are excited, curious, skeptical, or simply want to know more, we encourage you to attend one of the cottage meetings. Your questions, insights, and prayers are an important part of this discernment process.

You can sign-up via the clip boards at the *Welcome Center*, or call the church office (M-F 9-3pm). The dates are: Thursday, August 13 @11am, Wednesday, August 19 @7pm, Tuesday, September 1 @7pm, Sunday, September 6 @10:45 (after worship). We would like to cap each group at 10-12 people. We will add more sessions if necessary.

—Pastor Jon



MEN'S TIME OUT

Men's Time Out

Men's Time Out is skipping July 4, due to the holiday. We hope to see you August 1, for some food, a time for discussion, and lots of fellowship! MTO runs from 8:30-9:30am in Asbury Hall.



SAVE THE DATE

20TH ANNUAL BUD MILLS MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING
SEPTEMBER 19 | FOX DEN GOLF COURSE

Annual Golf Outing

More info coming soon! Tee off will be at 1:04pm at Fox Den in Stow. Look for brochures and sponsorship info at *Welcome Center* and in the weekly emails in the next few weeks.

Rally Day!

Mark your calendars! Rally Day will be September 13.

We'll resume Sunday School, return to two services, have a special visit and message from our bishop, Bishop Hee-Soo Jung, and a Church Square picnic after worship!



Rally Day
Sunday, September 13

Family Promise



The following items are needed for Family Promise each month. Can you help?

Items can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for supporting this ministry.

- Ramen noodles, not in cups. 10 needed each month.
- Velveeta (or similar type) mac and cheese boxes. 30 each month.
- Peanut butter 10 needed for a month. Jelly/jam 10 needed for a month.

First Church Feeds

First Church Feeds is collecting the following items for the month of July: shampoo, body wash, and dish soap. Items can be brought in to the boxes by the church Library. Thank you for your support.



Christian Education

VBS Thank you!

A heart felt THANK YOU to all of our VBS adult and teen volunteers, and folks who donated supplies! We had 54 kids, and 58 volunteers at our Snowball Mountain VBS this year. It was an avalanche of fun, and we couldn't do it without your support!



Nursery Attendant Needed

We are in need of adult help in the nursery on Sunday mornings from now through the end of September. Volunteers are welcome to sign up for any combination of Sundays. We encourage parents who are using the service to help at least one time during this period. Contact Donna Curfman if you would like more information, or would like to help.

ROCK and Music Programming Changes for Fall 2026

We will be announcing some changes to our programming for this Fall in the August issue of First Church News. Be sure to look for that info to update your fall calendars.

Contact Info

For any questions regarding children's programming please contact: Donna Curfman, dcurfmanfallsumc@gmail.com or 330-923-5241 x213

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS



First United Methodist Church is seeking artwork for an exhibition titled: **Healing Through the Human Experience**. Artists are encouraged to submit reflections on healing. This exhibition is open to all in the community. Please submit only human-made artworks (no ai)

Entry deadline: August 23, 2026
Show: October 2-January 2027.

All ages welcome. Gallery will be open to the public during regular office hours daily. In conjunction with the show, special performances and events will be held throughout the exhibition.

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NEW MEMBERS Discovery Class



New Members Classes

We invite everyone interested in joining First Church to attend our upcoming sessions. Please sign up for one session with Pastor Pippin and one session with Pastor Jon, held after summer worship (~10:45am) in the Parlor.

Session 1: Spiritual Foundation (July 12, 19, or 26)

Led by Pastor Pippin, covering the "Disciple Like Jesus" book and spiritual gifts.

Session 2: Heritage & History (August 16, 23, or 30)

Led by Pastor Jon, covering Wesley, UMC history, and the story of First Church.

Calling ALL Graduates

If you or your child has graduated from **college or technical school**, please contact Christy Meyers at cmeyers@firstchurchcf.com or Ext. 210 with the name, school attended, and degree received. We'll announce our adult graduates in the August issue of *First Church News*. The deadline for publication is July 24.



Weekday Christian Preschool

Registration is open for 2026-27 school year! Tell your friends and neighbors about our wonderful preschool with caring, dedicated teachers. **Word of mouth is the best way to grow our program.** Please contact Jennifer Brooks, Director, at 330-923-5243 for more information or to schedule a tour. You may also contact the church office for a registration packet.

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The Gift/Memorial Book is located in the parlor and is open to **Joyce A. Hamilton** and **Virginia Y. Clark**.

Send Us Your News... We will be glad to publish (space allowing) milestone birthdays, anniversaries, births and other special news if you send a note to Sarah Neri, 330-923-5241 x212, or sarahneri-fallsumc@gmail.com.



NewsLetter
DEADLINE

The deadline for the **August FCN** is **Thursday, July 23**.



The church will be closed **Friday, July 3**, in observance of Independence Day.
We hope you have a safe and enjoyable holiday weekend!

July 5—9:30am

July 19—9:30am

July 12— 9:30am

July 26—9:30am

July

Rev. Priebe will be on vacation during the month of July.
Rev. Pippin will be preaching each Sunday in July.
Communion will be served every Sunday this summer.
Summer Choir rehearses at 9:00am each week.